was tentatively allocated for project for 193-94.

The project expected to be completed within 4 to 5 years from the date of its sanction.

Export of Tea

6263. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries where tea from India is exported at present;

(b) the quantity of the tea exported to these countries during the last three years and what is the average rate of tea per Kilogram; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned during this period; details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Indian tea is exported at present to more than 80 countries of the world. Major importers of Indian tea are Russia and CIS countries, UK, Germany, Poland, UAE, Iran ARE, Japan, Saudi Arabia etc.

(b) and (c) Details regarding exports of tea during the past three yeas are as under:—

Year	Exports		Unit Value
	Qty.	Value	
	Mn. Kgs.	Rs/crores.	Rs/Kg
1991-92	216.45	1212.27	56.01
1992-93*	177.89	993.40	55.84
1993-94* (April—Feb.)	144.21	965.06	66.92

*Estimated

Export of Orchid Flowers from Sikkim and Darjeeling

6264. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of Orchid flowers cultivated in Sikkim and Darjeeling are exported abroad:

(b) if so, the quantum of Orchids that were exported during the last three years and who were the buying countries; and

(c) whether any foreign exchange was earned or not within this period and if so, the amount earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Orchids are cultivated in sikkim and Darjeeling. A small quantity of flower bulbs and plantlets in flasks are being exported from these places.

(b) and (c) Separate data on export of Orchids is not maintained. However,, exports of cut flowers during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993 (April to Nov., 1993) were as follows :—

(In Rs. Lakh)

Year	Exports
1991-92	Rs. 683.30
1992-93	Rs. 844.37
1993 (April—Nov.)	Rs. 541.63